

RAMPAC Meeting Minutes
Mt. Doug School Library
Wed. Jan. 21, 2009, 7:00 pm

In attendance: Daryl Cowden, Joy Carroll, Lori Elder, Lorraine Pawlivsky-Love, Grace Yang, Dr. John Fawcett (Principal), Gord Mitchell (vice-principal), Phil Gym, Gayle Bliss, Gail Pohl, Kathryn Cowden, Loretta Dugaro, Susan Chen, Don Tolson

Regrets: Kate Dickson

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Daryl Cowden, Chair, followed by Welcome.
2. **Adoption of Agenda** – Approved by all in attendance
3. **Adoption of the Minutes** – Corrections as noted for Secretary to edit. Move to accept changes voted unanimous.
4. **Leadership Report** – Phil Gym, Leadership/Student Council President
 - Dec. 11th – Winter Ball/Christmas Dance was a big success with over 300 students attending. The success of this event has SC considering holding a Spring Ball (Caroline Wong is preparing research). Gayle B. questioned policing costs for the dances, responded to by Dr. Fawcett.
 - Dec. 19th - Santa's Breakfast was on final day of school before holidays and the teachers really did a great job.
 - January, 2009 – Leadership students held a food drive for the Mustard Seed Food Bank and it was very successful as well.
 - Exam week – Jan. 26 – 30, 2009 students preparing for course and Provincial exams with tutorials offered by teachers. Dr. Fawcett commented that students would be better prepared and that the school supported this initiative by offering additional support for studying with the tutorials. Second term to begin Feb. 2, 2009.

DC responded with “thanks” from the RAMPAC for Leadership participation.

5. **Admin/School Report** – Dr. John Fawcett, Principal
 - **Exam Week/term 1:** John remarked that scheduled tutorials for all grades are being offered and believes it will have great results. Joy C. asked if students could go to a teacher for subject tutorials/reviews whereby John replied that all students were welcome to approach subject teachers for assistance. As well, evening tutorials are being offered Monday and Tuesday. Teachers to be giving extra tutoring to Gr. 9 & 10 students to encourage and improve study habits.
 - **Second term class schedule review:** Monday, Feb. 2, 2009 with regular classes resuming Tuesday and the rest of the week.
 - **Staffing:** Work is on-going with Leave Requests from teachers for the term.
 - **Enrolment:** 1080 students enrolled for Sept. 2009, which is up by 50 from current school year.
 - **Activities:** Drama students' grades 9/10 and Acting 12 are on going...with hosting required for 8 of Morioka school students complete for upcoming exchange visit. MD Band class still on track for Japanese trip in March/April '09.

- **Seismic Celebration:** Seismic upgrades celebrations taking place February 2009 with the Minister of Education, BC Govt and education officials to visit with a ribbon cutting ceremony taking place. Date yet to be set.
- **Athletics:** Basketball, Rugby, Football and Rowing to continue training and recruiting.
- **Boys Adrift:** John spoke of a book he read over the Holiday Break called "Boys Adrift" by Leonard Sax and how impressed he is with the authors approach to behaviour issues with boys. He would like to host a Parents Evening in the future to bring the issues and coping skills to parents and teachers. Lorraine P-L added the Mentoring Boys author/educator Barry MacDonald's efforts to bring increased awareness of boy-specific issues.
- **Sign Upgrade:** Lorraine P-L gave John F. BC Gaming funds research she gathered for him to look over including applications and information. Gord M. has more proposals coming in and will continue to get proposals from LED sign companies
- **Mount Doug Staff Presentation to outgoing RAMPAC Chair:** John F. presented Daryl C. with a plaque thanking him for his hard work on the PAC. A book called 'BC – Spirit of the People was also added with a dedication on the flyleaf thanking Daryl.

6. Treasurer's Report – Daryl C. (Chair) read the Treasurer's report in Kate's absence

- Discussion regards the Financial Report (copy attached for files).
- \$2959.50 transferred to correct account for Gaming (see attached Financial Report).
- PST refund (\$909.72) was less then expected and shortfall will be covered by the PAC Contingency fund.
- Balance of \$18,420.70 as January 2009 with Gaming balance \$20,720.00. Bingo funds, and rebates total \$34,144.00 (confirmed by Financial Report attached).
- Motion to move that report be accepted; all in favour/carried.
- Move to accept proposed Joy C., 2nd Loretta D.

7. Chairs Report: Daryl C. addressed executive in his farewell including thanks to 2008/09 PAC that helped to work to achieve budget requests fairly. Daryl thanked the Christmas Staff Appreciation Lunch coordinator for the great job done. All teachers and staff were extremely happy to have been treated by the RAMPAC members. He thoroughly enjoyed various functions and the effects of his efforts on Saanich traffic calming for the neighbourhood safety of students, staff and teachers. He looks forward to assisting as much as possible with the rest of the term.

8. VCPAC Report - Lori Elder (VCPAC rep).

- Lori introduced herself and explained the role of the VCPAC rep including what it means, definitions including the School Planning Council (SPS).
- Emails/notes from RamPAC website and announcements of upcoming events including the January 27th BCPAC meeting.
- SNIPS, the electronic newsletter that students can apply for funding requests between schools and community recreation centres.
- A new service is being offered for PACs needing website assistance including calendar of events, PAC resources and news. MDPAC should take a look especially at the DEAR JOHN question page where parents/students can submit inquiries and Superintendent John Gaptman will reply.
- Daryl motioned to accept the VCPAC Report (see attached files) and carried.

9. Other Reports

- **Emergency Preparedness:** Bev P-H reports that storage in the metal containers behind the gymnasium have been inspected with one being empty and the other needing shelving. She will contact Carla Stewart and Lindsey England for further information on previous ventures.

- **Bingo:** March 20th, 2009 – Joy C. volunteering for Bingo attendance and Lorraine P-L for April 2009. Fundraising and Bingo needs to be a resource for everyone to contribute to, according to Gail P. Perhaps a file can be started to store ideas for fundraising. Loretta D. attended the AGM-Bingo meeting.
- **Web:** Grace Y. web updates needed include 2 months previous PAC meeting minutes from Lorraine P-L.
- **Secretary:** Lorraine P-L thanked everyone for being patient with her minute taking.
- **SPC:** Susan C. enjoyed coming to the meetings and is looking forward to attending more.
- **Fashion Show Coordinator:** March 5th, 2009 Fashion Show coordinator still needed. It was moved by Gayle B. and 2ndd by Loretta D. to look into this.

10. Business from last meeting: None

- 11. New Business:** A request was made to ask how “stipend’ requests should be handled (Athletic Director – Bernie Kidd, example) by Daryl C. for funds spent with out receipts for reimbursement. John F. will ask April Van Laar how best to approach this and suggested that a receipt could be given to the requested person indicating what the reimbursement was for.
- **Funding for Attendance to Island Parent Conference:** Motion made to pay fee for conference to read: RAMPAC is to include a PAC process item called Parent Education Fund for interested parents. Voted unanimous and carried.

12. Elections for 2009/10 RAMPAC Executive: Elections took place to fill the following positions:

- **Treasurer:** Kate Dickson (letter submitted/filed to allow her name to stand)
- **Secretary:** Don Tolson
- **Chair:** Joy Carroll
- **Vice chair:** Lorraine Y. Pawlivsky-Love
- **Bingo Coordinator:** Vacant
- **Fundraising Coordinator:** Loretta Dugaro
- **Web:** Grace Yang
- **VCPAC representative:** Lorraine Y. Pawlivsky-Love
- **Emergency Preparedness Coordinator:** Bev Perry Hallam (acclamation)
- **School Planning Council (3):** Joy Carroll, Susan Chen, Bev Perry Hallam
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch Coordinator:** Ylva Kristin Ellerback
- **Grad Committee Coordinator:** Loretta Dugaro

12. Other business: Accountant will be needed for audit and names should be submitted to new chair, Joy C.

13. Announcements:

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in Mount Doug Library.
- Additional items were put on bulletin board.

14. Meeting adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by D.C